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JERSEY CITY SETS UP COOLING STATIONS AND OPENS POOLS FOR RESIDENTS TO BEAT THE HEAT

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM), and the Jersey City Department of Senior Affairs have put in place various measures to help combat a heat wave that is expected to last through the end of the day by setting up cooling stations throughout the city.

All residents, especially the elderly, disabled people, pregnant women and children under the age of two are encouraged to stay indoors or take advantage of these facilities if necessary.

The following libraries will be open to the Jersey City Community at large, as well as seniors who don't have access to air conditioning. The locations and time schedule are as follows:

• Five Corners Library, 678 Newark Avenue

Hours: Monday, 12-8 PM, Tuesday through Thursday, 10-6 PM, Friday, 9-5 PM, Saturday, 10-2 PM

• Glenn D. Cunningham Branch Library, 275 Martin Luther King Drive

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 10-6 PM, Wednesday, 12-8 PM, Thursday, 10-6 PM, Friday, 9-5 PM, Saturday, 10-2 PM

• Miller Branch, 489 Bergen Avenue

Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 10-6 PM, Wednesday, 12-8 PM, Thursday, 10-6 PM, Friday, 9-5 PM, Saturday, 10-2 PM

• Heights Branch, 14 Zabriskie Street

Hours: Monday through Wednesday, 10-6 PM, Thursday, 12-8 PM, Friday, 9-5 PM Saturday, 10-2 PM

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The city is also opening two community centers for residents and seniors to beat the heat on **SUNDAY ONLY:**

- Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, 140 Martin Luther King Dr. (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Pershing Field Community Center, Pershing Field Complex, corner of Summit and Pershing Field Plaza, (12 p.m. to 5 p.m.)

The following centers are available to senior citizens, **Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m**.:

- **The Joseph Connors Senior Center** formerly the "Paterson Street Center" 28 Paterson Street off of Central Avenue
- The Maureen Collier Community Center 335 Bergen Avenue between Ege and Virginia Avenues

Aside from these stations, residents are welcome to cool off from this summer heat in one of our **pools** or take advantage of our Water Sprinkler Systems (schedules are subject to change). The **pool schedule** is as follows:

•P.S. # 6, 100 St. Paul's Ave.

Mon. – Fri., 9am - 4pm

•P.S. # 15, 135 Stegman St.

Mon. – Fri., 9am - 8pm

•P.S. # 16, 96 Sussex St.

Mon. – Fri., 9am - 4pm

•P.S. # 22, 264 Van Horne St.

Mon. – Fri., 9am - 8pm

•P.S. # 23, 143 Romaine Ave.

•P.S. # 27, 201 North St.

Mon. – Fri., 9 am-4 pm Sat. and Sun., 12 pm-6 pm

•P.S. # 39,

214 Plainfield Ave.

Mon. - Fri., 9 am-4 pm

•P.S. # 40, 88 Gates Avenue

Mon. – Fri., 9 am-8 pm Sat. and Sun., 12 pm-6 pm

•P.S. # 41, 59 Wilkinson Ave.

Mon. – Fri., 9 am-8 pm Sat. and Sun., 12 pm-6 pm

Dickinson HS, 2 Palisade Avenue

Mon. - Friday, 9 am-8 pm Sat. and Sun., 12 pm-6 pm

•Pavonia Pool, Pavonia & West Side Aves.

Mon. – Fri., 9 am-8 pm Sat. and Sun., 9 am-8 pm

•Pershing Field Pool, 201 Central Avenue

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Mon. - Fri., 7 am-9 pm Sat. and Sun., 12am-6 pm

•Ferris HS, 35 Colgate St.

Mon. - Fri., 9am - 8pm Sat. & Sun., 12pm - 6pm

•Lincoln HS, 60 Crescent Ave.

Mon. – Fri., 9am - 4pm

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The water sprinkler systems are **open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.** at the following locations:

The following parks have sprinklers and will be open for use:

•Dr. Lena Edwards Park

325 Johnston Ave.

Arlington Park

785 Grand Street

Audubon Park

103-129 Bergen Avenue

•Virginia Avenue Park

74-80 Virginia Ave.

•Woodland Avenue Park

259-265 Linden Ave.

•Wilkinson Avenue Park

146-152 Wilkinson Avenue

•Terrace Avenue Park

Thorne St. and Terrace Ave.

•Roberto Clemente/ Enos Jones Field

8th Street and Brunswick St.

•LaPointe Park

90-92 Dekalb Avenue

•Thomas McGovern Park in Country Village

30 Sycamore Road

•Pershing Field Park

Summit Avenue and Pershing Plaza

•Rev. Ercel Webb/Lafayette Park

Lafayette Street (between Maple St. & Van

Horne)

"We hope to keep all of our residents healthy and cool during this heat wave," said **Mayor Healy.** "It is not just the heat, but the humidity that can take its toll. We are hoping those Jersey City residents in need of air conditioning will take advantage of the cooling sites we have set up."

The **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management (OEM)** has issued the following tips for staying cool during this heat wave:

- Remain indoors (preferably in air conditioned space) as much as possible
- Wear lightweight, light colored and loose fitting clothing
- Keep hydrated by consuming plenty of water and natural juices and avoid beverages with alcohol and caffeine which increase dehydration
- Eat light meals
- Refrain from strenuous activities
- Recognize the symptoms of heat disorders

To protect others from heat exhaustion, residents are urged to check on elderly neighbors and those with disabilities. Apply sunscreen with a high SPF content to small children to avoid overexposure to the sun. Never leave children or pets in closed vehicles where temperatures could exceed 190 degrees in less than ten minutes, and provide shade and cool water to pets.

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-376-0699. ///